
Healthy habits: reducing our carbon footprint

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Big changes for a smaller carbon footprint and less pollution

The Lab is working to reduce emissions by nearly 30 percent from energy use in facilities and onsite vehicles. Additionally, our goal is to reduce employee travel-related emissions by 13 percent.

“We are making sustainability a way of doing business at the Lab, and it starts with individual choices,” says Director Charlie McMillan. “Saving energy equals saving money. Preventing pollution means protecting the environment for our workers and the community. Building sustainability into purchasing choices builds a more efficient operation.”

We purchase environmentally sustainable products that also have a reduced impact on human and environmental health, and we have implemented energy efficient strategies for equipment and technology.

The Lab developed research methods that require less materials and chemicals. We also reward our employees for developing hundreds of projects every year that create ways to minimize or recycle waste and prevent pollution.

On-site, we're greening transportation by using alternative fuels and we've reduced the fleet size. Vehicles are shared, and the Lab purchased electric cars that can travel 375 miles on one tank of gas.

We're focused on locating structures in pedestrian-friendly areas that are accessible to public transit, and we support regional mass transit and ride sharing.

Good for the planet and for employee health, hundreds of wooded trails across the Lab property provide easy access for our staff to commute to work via bicycle or foot (and many do in this small town). We are also increasing telecommuting opportunities to reduce commuting.

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